Inadequate funds for libraries in Delhi University

1740. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the libraries of Delhi University especially the science libraries are being gradually asphyxiated due to lack of funds;

(b) whether it is a fact that poor condition of the libraries has an adverse impact on the academic schedules of the students; and

(c) if so, whether Govenment propose to provide sufficient funds so that the functioning of libraries of Delhi University is improved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON) : (a) to (c) The University Grants Commission provides funds for development and maintenance of libraries of all the Central Universities, including Delhi University. The exact quantum of funds provided by the Commission to different Central Universities for this purpose depends on the proposals made by the individual Univerities and the availability of funds with the U.G.C. The Commission is providing about Rs. 90.00 lakhs per annum for the maintenance of libraries of Delhi University. In addition to this, during the Seventh Plan period, the Commission has allocated development grant of Rs. 91.30 lakhs for books and journals, buildings and furniture for libraries of Delhi University.

The Commission is aware of the problem being faced by libraries of all Universities, including Science library of Delhi University, due to steep escalation in the cost of publications, particularly science journals and books in recent years. It is recognised that poor conditions of libraries will have an adverse impact on academic work. The U.G.C. has, however, not been able to provide additional funds due to the overall resource constraints. According to the U.G.C., the Delhi University Libraries receive more grants than libraries of other Central Universities and are comparatively better placed. New initiatives, including networking of libraries, are being worked out, so that available resources for libraries can be made more effective.

पब्लिक स्कूलों को बंद किया जाना

1741. डा० अबरार अहमद खान : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में केन्द्रीय विद्यालयों सहित कितने स्कूल हैं तथा उनमें कितने बच्चे पढ़ते हैं ; देश में बारहवीं कक्षा तक, स्नातक स्तर पर तथा स्नातकोत्तर स्तर पर पढ़ने वाले छात्रों की संख्या कितनी है और इनमें से कितने छात्र ग्रामीण तथा जनजातीय क्षेत्रों के हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार को यह जानकारी है कि पब्लिक स्कूल केवल अमीर बच्चों को ही शिक्षा प्रदान करके पैसा कमा रहे हैं जिससे गरीब और अमीर बच्चों के बीच एक खाई पैदा हो गई है ; यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार देश में कम से कम बारहवीं कक्षा तक के सभी बच्चों को एक समान शिक्षा देने का विचार रखती है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार इन पब्लिक स्कूलों को बंद करने और इस उद्देश्य के लिए कोई कानून बनाने का विचार रखती है ; यदि हां, तो कब तक ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार सैकेण्डरी स्तर तक की शिक्षा को मौलिक अधिकारों में सम्मिलित करने का विचार रखती है ?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री साथ में मानव संसाधन विकास